

3. *Mathematical Departments* of colleges and universities were also urged to take appropriate action. We would like to extend this latter suggestion as follows:

(a) have a *department history written and deposited* in the department office or in the college's library and archives. The committee is aware of such materials at Dartmouth, Harvard and Michigan, but has found that most traces and memories of an important American mathematician, including a diary of studies abroad, have largely disappeared at another university which formerly went so far as to establish a fellowship in his name.

(b) collect, date and label *photographs* of staff members, visiting lecturers, participants in colloquia and conferences held on campus.

(c) collect and preserve the unpublished minutes and proceedings of committees, conferences, projects, and perhaps even staff meetings.

(d) urge staff members to prepare a skeleton key to their own publications.

The Committee suggests that persons with historical interests would do the mathematical community a service by undertaking such tasks as are listed above and by pursuing studies of periods, people, or influences upon American mathematics such as the influx of foreign mathematicians in the period centered about World War II.

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PAPERS OF JOHN VON NEUMANN

Personal papers of John von Neumann (1903-1957), documenting his work in various areas including mathematical logic and quantum theory, totaling about 8000 items from 1938 to 1957, are on deposit on the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. The person in charge is Ronald Wilkinson. [Information from the *Newsletter of the Center for the History of Physics* 6(4), 4]

PAPERS OF ALBERT EINSTEIN

Letters from Albert Einstein to Walther Mayer, documenting the development of the Unified Field Theory and the dramatic events of the years of the Nazi rise to power, are on deposit at the University of Chicago Library. The person in charge is Robert Rosenthal. [From the *Newsletter of the Center for the History of Physics* 6(4), 4]